

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Robert Fix, Chairman

James Rakers, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Doug Maue called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Cain, Fix, Heinzmann, Him, Johnson, Knolhoff, Kreke, Middendorff, Netemeyer, Rakers, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel and Wesselmann. Absent: Nordike. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Him made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2019 meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

7. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

a. Motion – Annual Probation Report – Randy Brandmeyer

Chairman Fix reported that Brandmeyer was unable to attend the meeting but had requested his report to be approved. Chairman Fix asked if there were any questions and there were none regarding the report.

Kreke made a motion to approve. Him seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

Staser stated that she had two subdivisions on the agenda that had originally been approved in January 2018 which consisted of a one-acre lot. It was a family split. As time went on and the family got their plans ready for building, they realized that the front portion of the lot was in a floodplain. They needed to bump their home plans back a little bit but then they realized everything wasn't going to fit on the one-acre lot that the county had originally approved. They realized they had to add more ground to make everything work. However, there were easements created by the first subdivision. The first item on the agenda is a vacation plat for the utility and drainage easements and the building setbacks.

- i. Motion to Approve – Vacation Plat of Utility & Drainage Easements and Building Setbacks of Don Tebbe’s First Subdivision - St Rose
Heinzmann made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Present). Motion Carried 12-0.
Staser stated that the next motion is to approve a two-acre lot versus the one-acre lot that was approved back in January 2018. This will allow them to build out of the floodplain and to fit their site plan within these two acres.
- ii. Motion to Approve – Final Plat – Don Tebbe’s Second Subdivision – St. Rose Township
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.
Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Present). Motion Carried 12-0.

Staser mentioned that Jay Donnelly resigned effective January 31, 2020. As of February 1, she has started managing the addressing and enterprise zone applications. She has been very busy. She stated all emails and phone calls regarding these items are now being directed to her.

- b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike
No Report.
- c. Tourism Committee – Matt Cain
No Report. Cain just mentioned that the next meeting will be March 2 at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported that the appeal deadline was January 13. There were 510 appeals by all the townships. The Board of Review is receiving appeals and currently has eight days of appeal hearings set. The county has received a tentative state multiplier of .9751%. There was an instructional meeting held on February 5 at 4:30. The 2020 Senior Homestead Assessment Freeze and Disabled Persons and Disabled Veterans were sent out on January 24. The 2020 certificates of tax-exempt status were sent out on January 21. Sidwell was on site January 28-29 and did their assessment with all the office. Their report is due in three to four weeks. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Larry Johnson
 1. Johnson reported that the health insurance costs for the second month of the new fiscal year without reimbursements, were \$296,409.20, which is \$46,409.20 over budget or 18.6 percent over budget. With reimbursements, the costs were \$242,514.36, which is \$7,485.64 under budget or 3 percent under budget. The 025 Liability Fund has a balance of \$691,090.51 which is an increase of \$100.45 from

last month. The 016 Worker's Compensation Fund has a balance of \$291,638.33 which is an increase of \$30.87 from last month.

2. Johnson reported that the committee discussed the TrueX and Sharx plans. They are both active now. Johnson reported they had a few small hiccups but everything is going smoothly now.

g. Facilities Committee – Brad Knolhoff

Knolhoff said the committee met with Tim Fuehne, Head of Maintenance, and asked him to look at potential cost savings with contractors we use frequently. Tim agreed to do this. Deb Wesselmann put together a landscape design, bid sheet and specs that we can use to put the landscaping out for bids. We will put it out for bid in the local newspapers and out on the county website. Hope to have something to report in April. Knolhoff attended the Board of Health meeting in February. The Board of Health wants to consider building again but will go back to the initial stage and go back to the "drawing board" so to speak to determine what is really needed in the design. The next meeting in March won't be on the regularly scheduled date but later in the month and everyone will be notified through email. State's Attorney, Hudspeth, stated he would help in any way he could with the landscape bid. He wanted to make sure there was something included for maintenance of the landscape in whatever contract is accepted. Johnson asked how we are going to develop building plans. Knolhoff said we really have a new board of health since the original proposal. The board needs to determine what services we really want or need to offer to residents. It will probably be next year before anything is really moved on.

h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor

Taylor reported that the committee is looking at a new furnace; either a min-split or a regular hanging furnace for the animal control shelter. Prices came in pretty high for a mini-split so they voted to go with a blue-flame heater for \$975. Twenty-seven dogs were taken in with fourteen reclaimed and six went to rescue groups with four adopted out by animal control. Twenty-six cats were taken in with three going to rescue groups and one reclaimed. There were six spay and neuter cases and three bite cases. Don made some changes to the area where the cats were housed so they would have more room to run around. They also had an inspection from the Department of Agriculture. There were no violations and we have maintained that record now for fourteen years in a row. Wesselmann asked if in the area where Don made the changes for the cats if the cats were in contact with one another. Taylor said only the female cats had contact with each other. Wesselmann said they shouldn't be in contact with each other because of feline leukemia. Netemeyer stated he talked with the manager of animal control and the tax we voted on last month is just for house cats and not for cats roaming on a farm. Taylor stated he received a phone call from the city of Vandalia this morning and they stated that Fayette County would no longer pick up animals. They were inquiring as to whether we would be interested in helping them with this. He stated that they could discuss this at the next animal control meeting to see if there would be any interest in assisting them. Wesselmann stated that we don't have enough room for the animals we pick up from our own county without taking on any other county's animals. Taylor didn't feel that we would be able to help them but had wanted it to be discussed.

- i. Education Committee – Rafael Him
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Jim Rakers
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Trame reported that gaming collected for the month of December was \$4,770.48.
 - i. Motion - Approval of Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Wessel made a motion to approve the report. Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Rakers stated that the committee listened to a presentation by Terry Shoufler with Espy Services. They audit all your telecommunications as to what your vendors are charging you. You don’t pay them anything unless they find a mistake; then they take 50% of the cost of the mistake as pay for their services. In their contract they would go back two years auditing the payouts to the vendors and it would also include the upcoming two years. The committee decided to have the State’s Attorney review the contract. If he rules the contract is fine the committee will vote on approving the contract at the next finance meeting.

- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – Jim Sullivan
Maue gave a report on 911 numbers. He stated that in 2019, the Sheriff’s office received 9,811 total 911 calls which is about 27 calls per day. These numbers were up a little from 2018. The busiest time for calls is between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. when everyone is heading home. Maue also stated that back in October he nominated Ken McElroy and Dennis Perez for the SIPCA and SILEC award. They received a life-saving award in February 2020 from an incident that occurred in March 2019. At that time, they received a call for an unwanted male person outside a home in Shattuc. The person tried to end his life but they rescued him and started CPR and revived him.

- m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens spoke about the first item on the agenda. They are going to resurface Beckemeyer-Bartelso Road this year. They will also resurface Stollertown Road between the two Route 50 highways. Beckemeyer/Bartelso Road is a federally funded project worth about \$1.25 million which is funded 80 Federal/20 local match. Federal would be about \$1 million and \$250,000 match. Wesselmann wanted to know if they were going to widen the Beckemeyer/Bartelso Road to include bike paths. Behrens stated that they were not; this is just a resurfacing program to maintain the road. What she was asking for would require buying right-of-ways and would really increase the cost of the project.
 - i. Motion – Motion – Resolution to Appropriate the 20% Local Match for Resurfacing County Highway 6 (Bartelso Road)
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Middendorff seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes);

Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

ii Motion – Approval of a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Wessel seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens stated that that the state requires permission from the county to do traffic control underneath the bridges, close lanes down, and do modifications to the median. This should take place this summer but they don't have an exact date. This is right south of hospital on Jamestown Road or North Walnut Street.

iii. Motion – Resolution to Approve a Letter of Understanding with IDOT to Permit Painting of the US Route 50 Bridges over County Highway 11

Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote. Rakers seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

i. Motion to Approve – Letter of Resignation for Bev Krieger

Kreke made a motion to approve. Wessel seconded the motion. Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Yes); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

Kreke also reported that on February 20 they would begin negotiations with the county engineer and technicians.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – Rafael Him

Him stated they met on January 29. All bills were in order. The committee went over the new reimbursement forms and applications.

b. County Health – Rafael Him

1. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report

Him made a motion to approve the report. Netemeyer seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Him stated they had their meeting on February 4 and they discussed their strategic plan. There was also discussion regarding a new county health building. The committee voted and approved for Sean Eiffert to stay on another year as administrator. The next meeting will be March 17.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report.
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke reported that the NexGen grant was discussed. There is 9 million in the program with 61 applicants. It appears that our odds are fairly good.
- e. Technology Support – Rafael Him
No Report.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan reported that the January meeting was very productive. Sullivan had copies made of 2020 Adult Use of Cannabis in Illinois. If anyone wants a copy, please see him. UCCI is having a two-day seminar on February 25 and 26.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Rakers made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. Him seconded the motion.

Cain (Yes); Heinzmann (Yes); Him (Yes); Johnson (Yes); Knolhoff (Yes); Kreke (No); Middendorff (No); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (Absent); Rakers (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (No).

Motion Carried 9-4.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Wesselmann stated she had received questions about all the littering in Clinton County. She wanted to know what kind of laws we have against littering in Clinton County and what they were. Sheriff Maue stated that there are laws against littering. State's Attorney Hudspeth stated there are ordinances and state laws. This type of infraction is usually handled through ordinance violations and if it is done by a roadway then it would be a state citation. Wesselmann wanted to know how we create more public awareness regarding the penalties for littering. She asked if a press release could be done. Hudspeth stated that she just did this. They realize it's a problem but you have to catch the person.

Knolhoff stated he heard the other day about a new law that every employee in Illinois has to have sexual harassment training and it might be an annual training. He just wanted everyone to be aware of this. Fix stated that we did have this training a couple years ago. Hudspeth said we would check into this further to see if there is any further training that needs to be done.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Middendorff again asked to submit to a committee the composition of the board and consider reducing the number of members on the Clinton County Board. Fix said we would take this under advisement.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

Wesselmann asked if we could consider when we do get contracts for repairing the roads that maybe we could widen the roads for bike tracks and walking trails in between the towns. She thought this would be good for Germantown and Breese and maybe Beckemeyer and Bartelso. Fix stated this could be looked into further at the Highway Department meeting and will have this added to one of their next agendas.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020.

Him made a motion to adjourn until Monday, March 16, 2020. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder